



Population Projections

Population Projections in Delaware

Projected population increases in the State of Delaware show substantial increases by 2030 when compared to the 2000 Census. The attached table shows total population projections in five - year increments through 2030 by County for Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore counties. Comparing the two States, Delaware show a projected population increase of nearly 250,000 by 2030. The total population increase for the Maryland Eastern Shore counties in the same time period is just under 190,000 people.

New Castle County: New Castle County, including the Wilmington area is the most heavily urbanized county on the Delmarva Peninsula. In terms of percentage increase, it is projected to increase by only 20 % over the next 25 years, the lowest percentage increase on Delmarva (Delaware and Maryland counties only). Numerically, however, this is the largest increase of any county on Delmarva, an increase of over 100,000 people.

Kent County: This is the middle of Delaware's three counties. In terms of projected percentage increase it exceeds the growth rate in all Maryland counties except Cecil County and Queen Anne's County. In terms of total population, the projected increase is exceeded only by New Castle and Sussex in Delaware and by Cecil County in Maryland.

Sussex County: Sussex is the southernmost county in Delaware. The projected rate of population increase (60 %) exceeds that for every Delmarva county, except Cecil County (86 %). In terms of total population, the projected increase of 95,000 people is larger than that projected for any Maryland county and is exceeded only by the projected increase in New Castle County.

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